

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Parks	(2) MEETING DATE 9/18/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Curtis Black 805 781-5204	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a resolution to accept a \$10,000 National Recreation and Parks Association, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation - Take Me Fishing™ grant to provide interpretive supplies, outdoor education equipment and fund staff time for programs that engage youth and families in recreational fishing and boating, All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: (1) Authorize application, accept grant and instruct Chairperson to sign the resolution accepting the award of grant funding under the National Recreation and Parks Association, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation - Take Me Fishing™ initiative, in the amount of \$10,000, (2) Approve the Budget Adjustment Request in the amount of \$10,000 from grant revenues to Fund Center 305 Parks by a four-fifths vote; and, (3) Authorize the General Services Agency Director or her designee to submit and sign grant documents for grant funds obtained under the National Recreation and Parks Association, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation - Take Me Fishing™ initiative.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Grant Funding	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$10,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent { } Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est. _____) { } Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { X } Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1213024 { X } 4/5th's Vote Required { } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { X } N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

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DISCUSSION

According to the Parks and Recreation Element of the San Luis Obispo General Plan, County Parks' Mission is to ensure diversified opportunities for recreation and the personal enrichment of the County's residents and visitors while protecting its natural, cultural and historic resources. The "Discovering the Environment through Education and Recreation" (DEER) program provides unique recreational experiences to youth and families while teaching them about their natural and cultural environment; thereby, helping to fulfill the Mission of County Parks. DEER program participants camp at a regional campground, learn to fish, enjoy hikes and learn about flora and fauna.

County Parks and numerous community organizations including the San Luis Obispo Parks, Open Space and Trails Foundation (SLOPOST) seek support for the DEER program to provide staff time, camping supplies, materials and equipment. Inexpensive alternatives for nature education outside of the classroom in San Luis Obispo County are rare; however, the DEER Program offers a hands-on nature experience where participants commune with nature and gain respect and knowledge of the natural environment. Groups of 12-16 youth are accommodated on each DEER Program weekend to one of four park locations: Lopez Lake Recreation Area, Santa Margarita Lake Recreation Area, El Chorro Regional Park, or Oceano Regional Park. Additional DEER program activities include campfire talks, hikes, tours, classroom presentations and interpretive programs throughout the park system.

The DEER program is staffed by one seasonal employee who assists with the continued development of program curriculum, maintains equipment, and continues to foster relationships with schools and other organizations. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) provide grant funding for projects that build and sustain programs and opportunities that engage young people ages 6 through 15 and their

families in recreational fishing and boating. Staff learned of the opportunity to apply for this grant on a short time frame; therefore, there was inadequate time to allow for staff to request Board approval in advance of the actual application. Following the application, San Luis Obispo County Parks DEER Program has been selected to receive a \$10,000 program sustainability grant for the DEER Program and allow for the incorporation of the Take Me Fishing™ Initiative's Passport to Fishing and Boating. This grant funding will help County Parks meet recreational needs on an ongoing basis.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Volunteers of Friends of Lopez Lake, Central Coast Salmon Enhancement, Santa Maria Sportsman Association, Arroyo Grande Lions Club and San Luis Obispo Parks Open Space and Trails foundation have committed to assist in providing the DEER program services if the grant funds are received.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The \$10,000 grant will be used to support staff time, and to acquire and maintain outdoor education supplies and equipment. No matching funds are required and there will be no impact to the General Fund. Additional grants, donations, partnerships and program sponsorships will be sought for future needs of the program.

RESULTS

Since its initiation in July 2011, the DEER program has served approximately 4,000 individuals providing each participant many hours of education and recreation. Accepting the grant award under the National Recreation and Parks Association, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the Take Me Fishing™ initiative will benefit the community by enhancing opportunities for our local youth to recreate in a safe environment creating awareness and appreciation for the need of protecting and conserving our natural resources, parks and open spaces. Providing the DEER program will help provide a safe, healthy and livable community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A: Resolution for NRPA Grant for DEER Program